

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 WELLIN 02231 152329Z

73

ACTION EA-14

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 EUR-25 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-07 H-03

INR-11 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-07 PA-04 RSC-01 PRS-01 SP-03

SS-20 USIA-15 OMB-01 AEC-11 SCI-06 FEA-02 ACDA-19

DRC-01 /155 W

----- 126360

R 152215Z JUL 74

FM AMEMBASSY WELLINGTON

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 8379

NNFO RUEHBAC/AMEMBASSY CANBERRA 2650

AMEMBASSY PARIS

C O N F I D E N T I A L WELLINGTON 2231

EO 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR NZ

SUBJ: PRIME MINISTER KIRK EULOGIZES FRANCE

REF: WELLINGTON 2130

1. PRIME MINISTER NORMAN KIRK MADE EXTRAORDINARILY WARM REMARKS ABOUT FRANCE AT FRENCH EMBASSY'S BASTILLE DAY CELEBRATION JULY 14. WITHOUT REFERRING EXPLICITLY TO FRENCH NUCLEAR TESTING POLICY, KIRK HINTED THAT HIS ATTENDANCE AT THE CELEBRATION RESULTED FROM A CHANGE OF ATTITUDE ON THE PART OF FRANCE. A MESSAGE HAD BEEN RECEIVED FROM PRESIDENT GISCARD J'ESTAING BUT NO DETAILS OF IT WERE DIVULGED.

PRIME MINISTER SAID THAT WHATEVER THE TRANSIENT DIFFICULTIES BETWEEN FRANCE AND NEW ZEALAND MIGHT BE, FRANCE HAD LEFT A LEGACY OF DEMOCRACY AND LIBERTY TO THE WHOLE WORLD WHICH ENDURED NOTWITHSTANDING TEMPORARY MISUNDERSTANDINGS.

2. COMMENT. LAST YEAR WHEN NUCLEAR CONTROVERSY WITH FRANCE WAS A HOT ISSUE, NEW ZEALAND SENT ONLY A SUB-MINISTERIAL OFFICIAL TO BASTILLE DAY. BUT THIS YEAR SALES OF NEW ZEALAND MEAT ARE SLOW AND GOOD WILL OF FRANCE IS IMPORTANT TO GAINING
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 WELLIN 02231 152329Z

ACCESS TO EEC MARKET. IT IS IN THIS CONTEXT THAT KIRK'S

WARM WORDS FOR FRANCE SHOULD BE VIEWED.
SELDEN

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: PRIME MINISTER, FOREIGN RELATIONS, SPEECHES, COMMEMORATIVE CELEBRATIONS, NUCLEAR TESTS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 15 JUL 1974
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: GolinoFR
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1974WELLIN02231
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D740189-0755
From: WELLINGTON
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1974/newtext/t19740747/aaaaboat.tel
Line Count: 63
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION EA
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: WELLINGTON 2130
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: GolinoFR
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 17 APR 2002
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <17 APR 2002 by garlanwa>; APPROVED <27 MAR 2003 by GolinoFR>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: PRIME MINISTER KIRK EULOGIZES FRANCE
TAGS: PFOR, NZ, FR, (KIRK, NORMAN E)
To: STATE PARIS
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005